

PERSECUTION STORIES ARE EXAGGERATED

Rev. Maples Just Back from Poland Tells What He Saw There.

Reports of Jewish persecution in Poland are greatly exaggerated according to Rev. Frank Maples, who has just returned from a six months stay in Poland as Y. M. C. A. director of General Hall's 2nd Division of the Polish American Legion. Rev. Maples landed in New York only a few weeks ago and has accepted a call to supply the pulpit in the East Chicago Congregational church for the next month.

Before the Men's Club of the church last night, Rev. Maples spoke of his experiences in war work as a Y. M. C. A. worker, told of the numerous hardships, and led up to his main topic of the evening, the political situation in New Poland. The Jews of Poland, he said, are not persecuted, but are respected to what he termed "timid respect." "If you are a Jew, you are a marked person," he said.

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Rev. Maples said that he found as soon as he entered his work among the Polish troops that the United States was the one and only country in which they were treated as equals. The United States was considered the only country in which they were treated as equals. The United States was considered the only country in which they were treated as equals.

Rev. Maples caused much laughter by telling of various stories which he heard himself in which he attempted to speak in French to soldiers who turned out to be Americans. Stories of the slow ways in which other nationalities worked also proved humorous to the audience.

BOULEVARD SYSTEM MEETS WITH FAVOR

The East Chicago Board of Works yesterday went on record in favoring the boulevard system proposed by the Park Board and instructed the city attorney to draw up an ordinance for approval of the city council.

The Pennsylvania Railroad was instructed to place plank from lot line to lot line on their Michigan avenue crossing. The enactment for vacation of Alder street was received and ordered recorded.

The Board of Safety received the monthly and yearly report and the monthly police report and accepted the resignation of policeman William Kasmir, effective the same date.

FORMER YANKEE GIRL FROM BERLIN AFTER U. S. ESTATE



Baroness Speck von Sternberg, photographed since return to U. S.

Baroness Speck von Sternberg, widow of the former German ambassador to Washington, recently returned to this country for the purpose of getting back her estate, which has been tied up by the alien property custodian. The baroness was Miss Lillian May Langham of Louisville, Ky.

Bark Like a Dog, and are Hard to Kill

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)
HOBART, Ind., Jan. 6.—The pet dog owned by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nelson, who live on a farm two miles north of this place, became mad and before this fact was known the dog had bitten two of Mr. Nelson's best cows, valued at \$200 each. The dog was immediately shot and the cows were kept apart from the other cattle. The later part of last week both cows became mad and it was necessary to call several of the neighbors to assist in killing them, for it is said that they barked like dogs and that their eyes protruded from their heads. They put up a very hard fight and until their brains had been dashed from their heads with an axe were the men able to get them to fall.

TROOPS MAY START TO EVACUATE GARY EARLY NEXT WEEK

Gary is soon to be a civilian city once more.

Col. Maples, who was in Chicago yesterday securing information and orders from the war department, announced this morning that the movement of troops is to start from the city the first of next week.

When asked how long it would take to remove the troops, Col. Maples said that it didn't ought to take more than two or three days providing the weather is favorable.

"We are now making arrangements to take the first company away from Gary next Monday. If the weather is bad I am not going to start the men out, as there is no need to make them suffer from the weather more than they have to."

The troops are to leave the city the same way they arrived, in automobile trucks. From Gary they will go to Fort Sheridan and as soon as orders arrive they will go to their own camp at Fort Dodge, Ia. Providing the plans do not fall through, every soldier will be out of the city by the latter part of next week.

W. U. EMPLOYEES GET SALARY INCREASES

In common with 22,000 of their fellow employees in other cities, the Hammond employees of the Western Union Telegraph Company who have been six months or more in the service of the company will participate in salary increases totaling over five million dollars a year commencing Jan. 1st. Employees who have been a year or more in the service will receive a 15 per cent increase and those who have been six months, but less than a year, in the service will receive 10 per cent. Only employees who receive less than \$250 per month will participate.

Manager F. Blumhaff of the Hammond office states that these increases are in pursuance of an agreement reached some time ago between the management and the Association of Western Union Employees. The Western Union is one of the largest corporations which engages in the process of collective bargaining with its employees, and this is the latest of several general increases which have been negotiated as a means of offsetting to a certain extent the increased cost of living which has fallen so heavily upon the salaried class.

KILLS LARGE GREY WOLF NEAR KINMAN

RENSSELAER, Indiana, Jan. 6, 1919.—James D. Steel, of south of Newland, was in town today to collect the bounty at the auditor's office on a large grey wolf which he killed a few days ago, and to show our citizens how large these barnyard pests grow. The animal was a magnificent specimen and as large as any that has been killed in this vicinity in a long time. The bounty on them is five dollars. The auditor's office also reports that there have been many foxes brought in this winter, many more than in the past years, which makes it appear that Jasper county is being overrun by the former enemy. Many wolf and fox drives are being held throughout the state this winter and many of the animals are being exterminated.

DEPUTY CORONERS FOR TWIN CITIES

Dr. E. E. Evans of Gary, the new coroner for Lake county, has announced Dr. F. H. Merkle of Indiana Harbor and Dr. E. L. Twiney of East Chicago as deputy coroners for the districts from which they are appointed. J. J. Sukis of Indiana Harbor and Wm. C. Huber of East Chicago were appointed official undertakers upon recommendation of the city Republican committee.

UP IN SMOKE.

BOONVILLE, Ind., Jan. 6.—Forty thousand dollars worth of tobacco was destroyed here last night when fire gutted the Thornburgh Bros. warehouse.

CONFESSES.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)
CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—John Johnson, said to be the incorrigible son of an evangelist minister, today confessed to the police that he was the bandit who shot Park Policeman John McNamara a few days ago following a jewel robbery.

BANKER DIES.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)
LONDON, Jan. 6.—Lord Camille, one of the foremost bankers in England, died today.

MOTOR EQUIPMENT REDUCES HAMMOND FIRE LOSS 75 PCT.

Chief Mill Able to Turn in Excellent Report for Year Just Closed.

The end of 1919 finds the City of Hammond equipped as well as any city in the state with motor fire trucks and apparatus for fighting fires. According to a report made by Fire Chief William Mill, the department has made an enviable record during the year and the efficient and heroic members of the department have all supported their fearless chief to the limit. So successful has the department been in checking and extinguishing fires that it has made Hammond one of the safest cities in the state as witnessed by recommendations of the State Fire Marshal and Insurance Underwriters throughout the country.

Three pieces of motor apparatus have been added to the force during the year, two combination hose and chemical motor combinations, two fire trucks, and an insurance patrol of the same make, each of which are especially designed for fast runs and are especially equipped for protecting property during a fire. Through the efficiency of the new apparatus and the fighters the insurance rates in Hammond have been reduced to the lowest in the state. Three hundred and fifty alarms have been responded to during the year, of which eleven were out of the city.

Chief Mill has recommended the purchase of motor equipment for Fire Department No. 4 and the city council will have the matter before them in the meeting this evening.

The fire insurance report follows: Value of buildings, \$296,600; total insurance on buildings, \$296,500; insurance loss on buildings, \$17,430; value of contents, \$157,856; insurance on contents, \$88,150; insurance loss on contents, \$6,595; total insurance loss on buildings and contents, \$23,965. The fire alarm system consists of fifty three Gamewell non-interfering boxes, five indicators, one large striker, direct alarm to pumping station, forty-two miles of wire operated by an eight circuit automatic storage battery switch board.

Chief Mill says: "I do not feel that it is any and efficiency of motor apparatus. The saving according to this source has made possible the decrease in the fire losses 75 per cent. The quarterly inspection of the business district and factories has also aided in keeping the fire losses at very low figures."

"I wish to state it has been a pleasure as well as a duty for myself and members of the department to perform our obligations to the city, and I desire to take the opportunity of extending my thanks to his Honor, the Mayor, the Board of Public Works, the City Council and other City Officials and the public at large for the many courtesies and the co-operation extended myself and the department during the year."

LOOK FOR BREAK BETWEEN GOMPERTS AND BIG 4 HEADS

By MILDRED MORRIS.

(STAFF CORRESPONDENT I. N. SERVICE)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Relations between Samuel Gompers and the heads of the four big railroad brotherhoods are strained today to a breaking point. Labor circles are expecting an open rupture over the pending railroad legislation before it is out of the way.

It is no longer a secret that Warren S. Stone, chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, remained away from Gompers' conference of railroad union heads last week to avoid a break at a time when unity in labor ranks was needed as never before.

In labor circles it is being predicted that affiliation of Stone's organization and the Brotherhood of Railroad Conductors with the American Federation of Labor, now being by a suspension of the Street Railway Union's "union," may not be consummated. The next convention of the federation could force action, friends of Stone say, but they intimate his organization may decide it does not want affiliation.

SMASHED WINDOWS TO EJECT TENANT

That S. Opask of Indiana Harbor has continually thrown stones through his window in order to force him to vacate the flat in which he now resides is the charge brought by Harry Cantor, 2302 1st street. Opask is the owner of the building having purchased it last spring and, according to Cantor, he has endeavored to put him out each month.

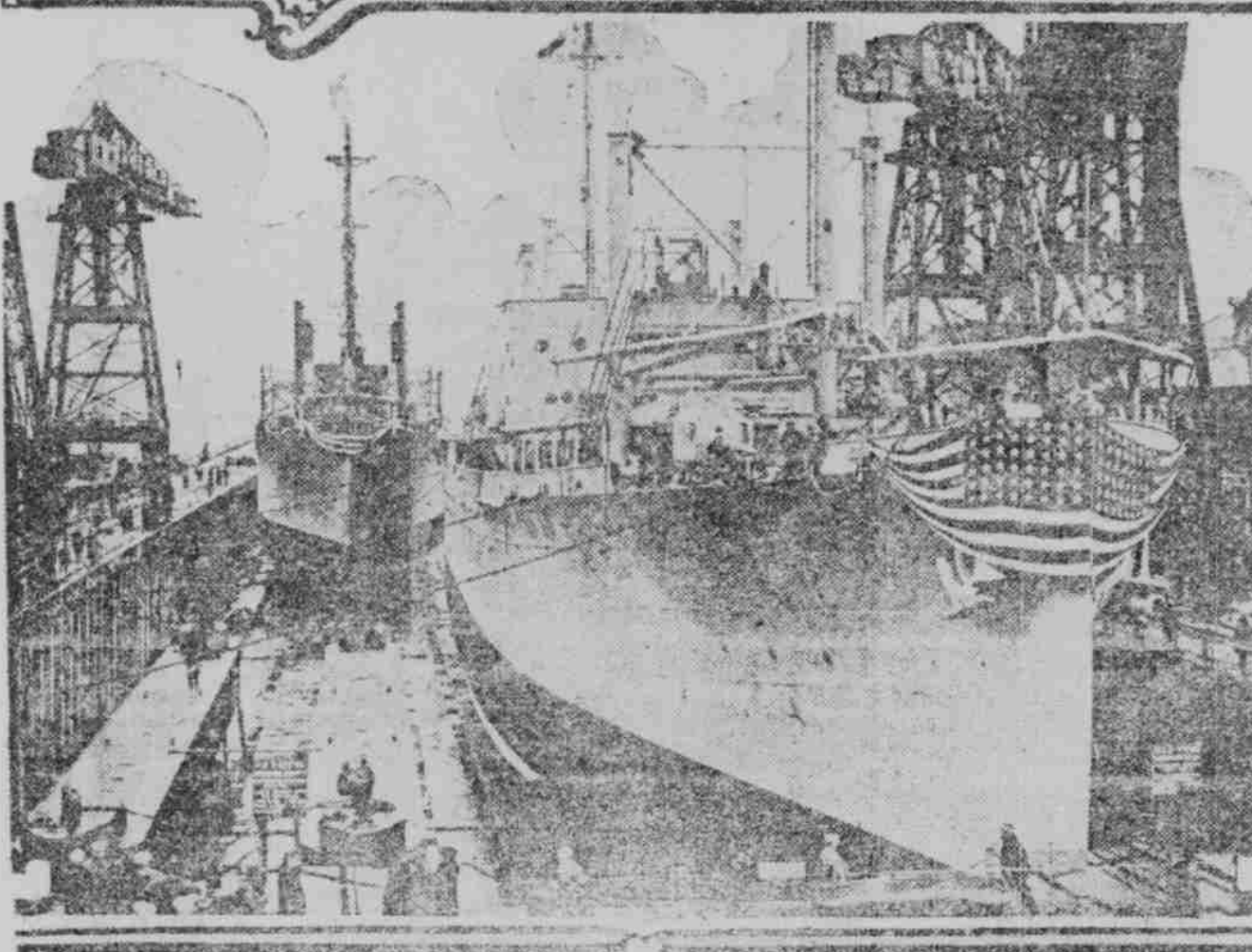
Opask attempted to put Cantor out by court procedure some time ago but Cantor won and since that time Cantor claims to have been molested in different ways in an endeavor to force him to move. Since December 10, there have been five window panes broken and Cantor accuses Opask of members of his family of the deed.

Each monthly receipt which Cantor receives contains the notice, "during this month you are to move." Opask is being tried in the East Chicago city court today.

CARS LATE.

Patrons of the Gary & Southern were confronted with a car schedule nearly half an hour late this morning. The trouble was not learned.

GREAT DOCK DEDICATED AS SHIPS BUILT IN IT ARE LAUNCHED



The Pyro (left) and the Nitro as they appeared in the new construction dry dock at the Puget Sound navy yard just before water was let into the dock for the first time.

Two 11,000-ton ammunition ships, the Pyro and the Nitro, were launched at the new construction dry dock at the Puget Sound navy yard, Bremerton, Wash., when the new dry dock was

dedicated recently. The vessels are 482 feet long, fifty-one feet beam and twenty-one feet draught. They were constructed entirely within the dock and launched by letting water into the dock instead

of sliding them down ships ways into the water, as is the usual practice. The giant dock is 900 feet long, 130 feet wide, thirty feet deep and cost \$800,000. It is the largest in the world.

WRECK INJURY CASE MAY END THIS EVENING

Attorneys Now Argue Power of Railroad to Sign Away Liability.

Appearances point to a close of the legal argument in the Dietrich circus case late this afternoon and if Judge Hardy then directs the jury to return a verdict for the defendant, as asked by the defense, for the reason that the undisputed testimony shows no liability on the part of the railroad, the case will be ended before adjournment of court today.

The plaintiff closed their testimony at noon yesterday and after the noon recess the defense asked that the jury be directed to return a verdict for the defendant for the reason that the evidence showed no liability on the part of the railroad. J. A. Gault of South Gary, Thibault and Stinson, then, continued the legal argument on that question about half past one and occupied the entire afternoon until the court adjourned at five. The gist of the argument was that the railroad was not acting as a common carrier but as a private hauler under special arrangement with the circus company which relieved the company from liability from any injury that might result to any property or employee of the circus.

At the opening of court this morning Dr. K. Rose of Chicago, who is assisting First J. J. Dietrich, began the argument for the plaintiff and had not finished at the time of going to press. He argued that the contract of the railroad with the circus company was null and void under the interstate commerce act which does not permit a common carrier to relieve themselves of liability for injury to a passenger.

The whole question lies in whether or not the railroad as a common carrier and if Judge Hardy holds that the company acted as a common carrier, it will be necessary for the defense to introduce new witnesses to prove that they were not liable. Both sides are confident of victory.

Bulletins

(BULLETIN)
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., 6.—The State supreme court this afternoon granted a stay of execution in the case of the four Tolleston bank robbers doomed to die in the electric chair for the murder of Herman Uecker, bank cashier. Stay was granted until April 23. The men were to have been executed Jan. 14. Oral argument will be heard before the Supreme court at 10 a. m. Jan. 15th.

G. O. P. CAN FORCE WILSON TO RUN

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)
CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—President Wilson may yet decide to become a third-term candidate for the White House, according to J. Hamilton Lewis, ex-senator from Illinois, and former Democratic whip of the senate.

Gary Men Find Themselves Heirs to Millions Over Night

After struggling along in life's humble existence one day and the next to receive word that they had fallen heir to a million dollars—who wouldn't have heart failure?

At any rate that's the unusual experience of the four Carres brothers, who make their homes in Gary and South Chicago. They own the Grand Billiard Parlor at 762 Broadway and the Carres Bros. Recreation Rooms at 22nd and Commercial ave. in South Chicago.

"I can't realize it," said Gust Carre, "but here it is in black and white," pointing to a freshly opened letter. The letter was from an aunt in Tripoli, Greece, and contained the information that their grandfather had died, leaving a vast fortune of \$1,500,000 in American money.

According to the letter the will bequeathed the forty-two million francs to charitable institutions and schools of learning in the old country. The brothers never dreamed out of the eighteen million francs left to the state. The Gary young men are Gust, Jim, Charles and Peter Carre. They also have four other brothers, Joe, Charles, Thomas and James Carre, who reside at Wilmington, Del.

Jim and Gust came to America in 1906 and several years later the other six brothers, bearing of the opportunities in this country, followed them. They have always been energetic young men and it has been a hard fight for existence for them until the past year, when they secured ownership of the two billiard parlors.

Gust served in four of the big battles across the pond fighting for the American flag. Today the brothers sent word to their attorneys at Athens, Greece, to represent them. Their grandfather was a big wholesale dealer in Cairo, Egypt.

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The funeral will be held Thursday morning at nine o'clock from St. Joseph's church in Hammond. Burial will be in St. Joseph's cemetery in charge of undertaker Burns.

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REVIVAL MEETINGS OPEN AT M. E. CHURCH

Services designated as the "Week of Prayer" started last evening at the Methodist church on Russell street, with an evangelistic sermon by Rev. H. R. Debra of Gary, who will also preach again this evening at 7:30 p. m.

The Wednesday evening prayer meeting will be made an unusual event with the pastor, Rev. T. J. Henslett, leading. Rev. Nell of Chicago, will preach on Thursday and Friday evenings and will meet all the men of the church at a luncheon in the church basement on Friday evening at six o'clock. Rev. Nell is one of the best known evangelistic speakers in Chicago and the city. He is used to hear him. On Sunday, Jan. 11th and for three weeks thereafter, Rev. E. DeWitt Johnston of Canada, his wife and church director will have charge of the services. Rev. Johnston is recommended by Bishop Quayle as one of the best and most efficient evangelists of the church today.

LAFORTE—Early relief from the car shortage is expected by LaPorte county stock owners as a result of appeals to the railroad administration made by the State Federation of Farmers' Association.

REDS NOW JAILED AT CROWN PT.

Hammond, Burnham and Gary Radicals Taken to the County Seat.

(BULLETIN)
INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 6.—"It's all over until the next time," said Atty. Gen. Palmer today in commenting on the Red radicals. The attorney general indicated, however, that there would be more developments in the way of raids and that the department of justice is not satisfied with its success in breaking up the Communist and Communist Labor parties.

Membership in either party will be considered sufficient basis for the deportation of aliens, the attorney general said. "Both parties openly preach anarchy," he said.

Commissioner Caminetti announced that no deportations would be made until it had been learned what success the Buford, the first "soviet ark," had met with.

Seventeen Reds, agitators of avowed anarchistic type who have been rounded up by the United States federal officers in the Calumet region during the recent drive on the Communist Communist Labor of the United Russian Workers Societies, were taken to the county jail at Crown Point this morning where they will be held until they are taken to Ellis Island to await trial and deportation.

Thirteen prisoners were taken to Gary by federal agents last night. They had been arrested in Hammond and across the state line at Burnham. They were lodged in the Gary police station until this morning. There they were joined by the men taken in the Gary roundup.

On their trip to Crown Point over the Gary & Southern this morning they were well guarded as it was feared that some of them might make a break for freedom.

The radicals will be held at the county seat until Deputy U. S. Marshal receives orders from the immigration department for their disposal. All will probably be taken to Chicago for a series of rapid hearings which will be immediately followed by their deportation if sufficient evidence exists against them.

REPUBLICANS OF HAMMOND TO MEET

Tomorrow evening at the Chamber of Commerce hall the permanent organization of the Hammond Republican Club will be formed.

The committee asks that all men and women interested in the promulgation of Republican principles and the success of the Republican party be present.

Good speakers and clean, wholesome entertainment have been arranged, and all attending are assured a pleasant time. The meeting will be called to order at 8 o'clock.

TAKE THE TIMES AND KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE WHOLE WORLD

RED "AMBASSADOR" MAKES BIG DEMANDS



Maxime Litvinoff, former ambassador of Soviet Russia to Great Britain, recently conferred with the British emissary, James O'Grady, regarding the possible exchange of British and Red prisoners. Spurred on by the recent success of the Reds against the all-Russian forces, Litvinoff made such unheard of demands that no agreement was reached.